INQUIRY INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ACCESS TO HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN RURAL, REGIONAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES

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Took my 80 year old father to Maitland Hospital with chest pain. Whilst the staff were very personable after doing an ECG we were put back on the waiting room. Where we waited for many many hours. My Dad was very sick, in a lot of pain and dizzy. We were told 4 ambulances had come in. Waiting room was packed with more and more people coming in.

This is a very sad situation for vulnerable and sick people. My Dad had left his bed to come for help. And we just sat in the waiting room while he was in agony hoping to be seen. Many many hours later.

This is a broken system that needs immediate help and funding. The Doctors and nurses do a great job but there is just not enough if them, or not enough beds to attend to them. Makes me physically sick to watch my father suffer do bad sitting in a chair when he needs to be in a Bed and attended to.